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Blessed Babe of Bethlehem,
Owner of earth's diadem,
Claim and wear the radiant gem.

'Tis Thy Church's voice that cries;
Rend these long unrended skies!
Bridegroom of the Church, arise!

Take to Thee Thy power and reign;
Purify this earth again;
Cleanse it from each curse and stain.

Babe of Bethlehem, to Thee,
Infant of eternity,
Everlasting glory be!

—*Horatius Bonar.*

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DEVOTIONAL AND EDITORIAL

A Saviour, Christ The Lord

By Rev. A. B. Simpson

THESE three striking names, which appear in Luke's Gospel, chapter two, are not repetitions, but each has its own message.

SAVIOUR

His first name is Saviour. Our first need is a Deliverer, a Redeemer. We are oppressed with ills and adversaries and dangers, from which we need some mighty and loving hand to set us free. And He has come to save. That little Babe is yet to bear upon His brow the crown of thorns. He is yet to hang on Calvary's cruel tree, and those baby hands be pierced with the nails of the Cross. He wants no friends who are ashamed of Calvary, no eulogies that leave out the precious blood.

We are living in a day when higher thought and modern culture are trying to satisfy the heart of man with a bloodless gospel, a Christ of Galilee and Judaea, and the Sermon on the Mount. But He came not merely to teach, for all His teaching would have been vain if He had not died to redeem our fallen race. He came to save from guilt of sin, and He has saved to the uttermost all who come unto God by Him. He came to save from the depravity of the human heart and the power of evil within us. He came to save us from all our sorrow, from all our cares and worries, from the fear of death, and from the dark future which lay before every doomed child of Adam. He came to save. Forevermore His sweetest name will be Jesus, who saves His people from their sin.

CHRIST

His name is Christ. 'Unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." This is not a repetition. The names of Jesus and Christ are not interchangeable. Jesus means the Man who lived and died. Christ means the God-Man who has come down, and through the Holy Ghost, to complete the work of salvation that He began through His life and death. Christ means the Anointed One. Christ means the One who is filled with the Holy Ghost and who imparts that Holy Ghost to you and to me; the One who not only begins the process of our salvation, but who carries it on to its glorious consummation. It is the Christ who has gone up to the right hand of God to help us. It is Christ who has sent down the power of the Holy Spirit to teach, guide, sanctify, and bless us. It is the Christ who leads the sinner to His feet through the awakening grace of the Holy Spirit. It is the Christ who gives the peace of God that passeth understanding and supplies the grace that saves to the uttermost. So we read in the sermon of Peter: "God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ."

Jesus was born in Bethlehem, but Christ ascended on high and poured forth the Holy Ghost, and in His great mediatorial ministry is bringing many sons unto glory, completing the work of our redemption.

Has He come to you, not only as Jesus of Galilee, the Jesus of Calvary, but the Christ up yonder, the Christ who lives in your heart, the Christ who sanctifies and keeps you, and is known to you spiritually, mystically, and in the innermost depths of your heart, as One who is not dead, but is alive forevermore?

This is my wonderful story,
Christ to my heart has come;
Jesus, the King of Glory,
Finds in my heart a home.

LORD

But we have a third name, Lord. "Both Lord and Christ." "Unto you is born . . . a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Lord means One with authority, One with omnipotent power, One who governs, One who conquers and controls all the forces of the universe for the sake of His followers and friends.

We need an almighty Friend. We need One who touches God as well as us, One who is clothed with the authority of yonder throne.

In the first place He conquered us, for this is the beginning of His lordship. "Thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him." He has to conquer us first before He can give us eternal life. He has to make our hearts willing and yielded and receptive.

Not only does He conquer us, but He rules us. He receives the surrender of our will, the control of our affections and our life, and becomes the Lord enthroned in our hearts and in all our ways. He conquers our spiritual enemies. He overcomes the tempter and the world, and the things that are against us. He rules in the realm of providence, and makes all things work together for our good. He is overturning and overcoming in the world around us, and by and by it will be true,

"He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love."

He has not yet fully come. He has not received the crown of all the world. But the day is coming when every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that He is Lord, and He shall sway His scepter over not only this reconstructed world, but the whole universe.

Have you made Him your Lord? Can you say "Saviour" who is "both Lord and Christ?" It is not enough to call Him Saviour. We must also say Lord.

"What a wonderful Saviour
Is Jesus my Jesus!"

That is only half the testimony.

"What a wonderful Saviour
Is Jesus my Lord!"

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Come Over Into Europe And Help Us

By Rev. F. A. McGaw

Come over into Europe;
Help to reach ten million Jews;
They are living without a Saviour—
Never heard the gospel news.

They have a part of the Bible,
The prophets and the law,
But the face of Christ in these writings
In vision they never saw.

They have heard the name of Jesus,
But only to curse and hate;
Oh, who will bring them the True Light?
How long shall they have to wait?

They have Rome's great cathedral,
Crowned with a cross of gold,
But Rome never tells them of Jesus,
That story so sweet and old.

They have the old Greek church,
With her icons and glitter and show,
But they never hear of the cleansing
By the Blood of Calvary's flow.

They are ignorant as the heathen
Of God's redeeming grace;
They gave us Christ and the Bible;
They are God's own chosen race.

Oh, church of God, awake!
You are debtor to the Jew;
From Poland I send you this challenge—
Oh, reader! What will you do?

Warsaw, Poland
November, 1936.

New Quarters On Jerusalem Street

By Tordis Christoffersen (Warsaw, Poland)

"*Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee*" (Psa. 122: 6).

WHEN we moved into our new mission home, located on the street called Jerusalem, our hearts were full of praise and thanksgiving for His goodness manifested in providing this home for us. In Warsaw the missions and places are called by the streets on which they are located, and so we were always Ogrodowa 53, but now it is Jerusalem. How suggestive and wonderful this name is to a Jewish child! They are now going up to Jerusalem to the house of God. When we gathered with our first group of young women in our living room, these were our prayers, thoughts, and desires: "O Lord God, the God of Israel, let Thy Word, I pray Thee, be verified in this place. Let Thine eyes be open toward this house night and day, even toward the place of which Thou hast said, My Name shall be there; that Thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which Thy servants shall make in this place. And hearken Thou to the supplication of Thy people Israel, when they shall pray in this place; and when Thou hearest, forgive."

We are high up on the fourth floor, with a wonderful view of the city—it induces one to look up and to look out. When you enter the open door, you go into a large hall, furnished so as to be useful for classes. We call this *Gilgal*, because someone often has to wait there to learn obedience.

On the left hand is our living room—large, bright and beautiful. Turning toward the street, you see our piano, good enough to be used for teaching the children to sing His praise. Here we will gather, on Sunday and other evenings, lonely ones—Hebrew Christians and any others who seek and long for fellowship and prayer. We call this room *Hephzibah*, desirous that He should be pleased. Oh, that it might be a *living* room!

Next to it is our guest room, *Beulah*, prepared to take in strangers and wayfaring men. We have already proved the blessing of this ministry by having with us some friends, who were a means of blessing and refreshing as they traveled from one city to another.

Opposite is the main assembly room, *Berachah*, which we have painted and arranged in the Jewish colors, blue and white. It is large enough to meet our purpose. We aim to divide our pupils into groups, so as to give them definite teaching according to their need and age.

Just back of it is a long corridor, and from this we enter our private rooms. I share one large room with my sweet companion and helper, a deaconess. This is our *Upper Room*, in which we seek Him who girded Himself for lowly service. What a lesson for us who serve His people Israel! It was in that upper room that He broke the bread and blessed the wine. What fellowship and communion! We are inspired to more and more waiting upon Him for the fulness of the Holy Spirit, the enduement with power from on high. He who is waiting to be gracious is also working for him that waits for Him. Then, dear Brother McGaw's room, which he calls *Peniel* and which he likes because it is the warmest room in the house. We have a nice bathroom and kitchen. You surely can praise the Lord for answering your prayers beyond what we thought of or expected in Poland at this hour. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest to thrust forth laborers!

Now, why should the Lord so graciously provide such a useful place for us? Truly, that His Name might be magnified and glorified, and because of the tremendous issues of this hour, with its opportunity of reaching the Jews with the gospel. We are calling upon you for prevailing prayer for workers. Only this morning, millions of leaflets were scattered all over Warsaw, proclaiming that more than one million of people are on the verge of starvation, suffering cold and nakedness. Not only in Warsaw are there such multitudes of Jews, but out in the country, village after village, larger towns also, still waiting for the message of salvation, and their destitute condition makes them somewhat receptive. We here are daily and persistently asking the Lord to thrust forth new workers. We are still calling upon Him for the right party for Radosc.

Dear praying friends, join us in persistent inter-

cession for men to be raised up, whether it be from this country or from others. God is able both to send them and to supply all needs. Only such as are ready to trust Him can be used in a ministry among Israel in this day. O ye that are called to be watchmen in Jerusalem, hold not your peace, day or night; ye that make mention of His Name, keep not silence, and give Him no rest till He answers; until from this Jerusalem He sends out His light and truth to those who are sitting in darkness and fear of death, waiting for him that bringeth glad tidings.

We are preparing the children for a truly spiritual Christmas, teaching them, as they memorize the verses, the meaning of the first and second advent, trusting the Lord to use it as a special message of joy and blessing to this suffering people.

Because of His protection and restoration, His preparation and provision—"I will sing of Thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of Thy mercy in the morning: for Thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble . . . Thou art my hiding place!"

THE WORLD'S PUZZLE

By Charles J. Service

IT IS the glory of God to conceal a thing" (Prov. 25 : 2). The secret of the Jew is the love of God. Friends, be very careful as to your attitude toward them and your treatment of them. They are peeled and pared, thrown out and scattered, but not destroyed nor cast away forever.

What is it all about? Let us do a little investigating and see what riches are hidden in this peculiar people. As we dip back into their wanderings of the past, we may find lights that will clear our vision. Is it possible that they were to be used to reveal our God in all His love, grace, goodness and mercy? Was it to unfold to the world—yes, and to the universe at large—the manifold greatness of our wonderful and all-wise God? "That in the ages to come He might shew the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus." "Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you, that I may lay my hand upon Egypt, and bring forth mine armies, and my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I stretch forth mine hand upon Egypt."

Friends, they are not a people you can neglect without fearful loss. "There is none like unto the God of Jeshurun, who rideth upon the heaven in thy help, and in His excellency on the sky. The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and He shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them. Israel then shall dwell in safety alone; the fountain of Jacob shall be upon a land of corn and wine; also His heavens shall drop down dew. Happy art thou, O Israel: who is like unto thee, O people saved by the Lord?" (Deut. 33 : 26-29). "In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you, for we have heard that God is with you."

They have been the channel along which God has conveyed the riches of His grace and salvation for the redemption of fallen man. They "who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises."

Shall we not do our part to make it possible for the Jews to investigate God's own most holy Word, to see His great plan and purpose for them as a people? Do you not hear the call to come up to the help of the Lord at this time, to gather home the wandering ones to Jesus? Gladly will I forward any help sent me for the worthy cause of giving them God's Word. Let us pray much about this matter. My address is 1036 Almond Court, Long Beach, California. *What will your answer be?*

COMMENDATION

A friend of our work in England writes us as follows regarding Mr. and Mrs. Hill and their work in Roumania: "I had been intending to write to you to tell you my impressions of the excellent work done by Mrs. Hill and her late husband. It has been both painstaking and thorough, and proof of this can be seen in the numerous little churches which have sprung up since the arrival of the Hills, each of which has its own healthy sphere of life and interests. I have many times visited the area, and hope soon to be there again."

The Open Door

By Rev. F. A. McGaw (Warsaw, Poland)

"*Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it*" (Rev. 3 : 8).

ONE morning recently three of us—Miss Christoffersen, Miss Leo Cardis, a deaconess, and myself—walked into our new place on Jerusalem Avenue. Miss Christoffersen said, "Now, who has a verse of Scripture?" She looked at me, and without a moment's hesitation I quoted the verse at the head of this article. Will you not, dear reader, pray that in truth it may be an "open door" and that no human or demon power may shut it until God shall have wrought out His purpose in this new location and these beautiful rooms. We have five good-sized rooms, besides kitchen and bath. The largest will answer well for our assembly room.

An open door! Surely it will be open for any weary, sin-sick soul seeking forgiveness and mercy, seeking to meet Him who said: "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Whether Jew or Gentile, they will surely find ours an open door when they are seeking Him. If the Greeks come, saying, "Sirs, we would see Jesus," we shall introduce them to Him; if Nicodemus, the rabbi, comes, we shall say to him, "Ye must be born again." In His Name, we can surely do no less than He did who said: "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

Then, too, it may be pleasing to our great Captain to make this, in a sense, a recruiting station. I do not mean a Bible school, or a place to fully train men and women for Christian work—there are other places for that—but a place where men and women who have been trained at the Moody School or any other worthy institution can come for fellowship and acquaintance, possibly joining us on this station or perhaps tarrying a little while with us before going to another field of labor. If they are coming to some point in Poland, they can learn many things about life in this land which will greatly profit them, and they could also do some language work. After being in this central place for a time, and then moving out to a nearby station, they would not feel quite so alone or quite so far away from loyal fellow-soldiers in this battle for Jesus Christ. There are many things in this land of Poland that a man born and brought up in America has never dreamed of, and a few weeks, or possibly a few months, in a place such as we hope to make this, would be of great value in opening his eyes and preparing him for his new field of labor.

For several years past, while reading periodicals and missionary magazines, I have been saying that Warsaw is a strategic point in this European battle line. I believe, under the God of Joshua, who saw that Jericho was taken first of all, there can be a strong station built up here and, from this center, workers sent out into many of the cities of Poland where there are ten or fifty or even one hundred thousand Jews with no effort being made in those cities for their evangelization.

I have in mind a city where there are 40,000 Jews, the population of the city being made up of Jews and Catholics. In this city there is one young Hebrew-Christian about twenty years of age. As he told me of his city, he begged me to come and help him. Where is the young man in America, or old man—I was 79 three days before I landed on Polish shores—who will volunteer to come to this city in Poland and help this young man to evangelize his people? Personally, I would just love to go with him and help to win some of these 40,000 Jews, but I am assured that I am where the Captain has placed me. But what a field, or what fields, are calling for harvesters—calling for men! Only last night I was talking with a young man whose friends say he has a call to preach, and I said to him: "If God is calling you, obey and go. It is a man's job to preach the gospel. The women—God bless them!—are doing nobly, but God calls the *men!*"

Will our prayer helpers please pray specially for this field now? It was originally started as a work among the Jewish women and children of this city and has been going on for about ten years. Now the older girls, who were taken out to Radosc ten years ago, are sixteen, eighteen, or twenty years of

age. They are old enough to fully understand what it means to believe in Jesus Christ and be baptized. Surely it is time there should be a harvest from such a sowing as has been done these past years at Radosc and in Warsaw at Ogrodowa Hall!

And now a few lines about the shut door. The door is open in Poland today, under God's hand, but tomorrow it may be too late. The children of Israel took forty days to investigate and explore the land. On a certain day they rebelled and refused. During the night they repented and the next day told Moses they were ready to go in—but it was just one day too late!

I have a dear Jewish friend in Akron, Ohio He may see these lines. He has treated me like a brother. One day I said to him, "Thou art not far from the kingdom." Yet he could be near the door and draw back and be lost forever. Five of the maidens waiting for the Bride and Groom were ready, but five were not prepared. While they went to secure the needed oil, the Bridegroom came, those who were ready went to the marriage, and *the door was shut!* I believe there are thousands of souls in hell today who intended and expected to be saved, but they procrastinated or allowed some one or ones to hinder them!

In closing, will say I am glad and thankful to be in Poland!

PRAYER REQUESTS

By Philip Manetz
(Carpathian Russia)

"PRAYING always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints . . . continuing stedfastly in prayer" (Eph. 6: 18; Rom. 12 : 12, R. V.).

Above everything else, we covet the prayers of God's people. We thank God and all dear Christian friends for every prayer which ascends to the throne of grace in our behalf and that of the Lord's work in Carpathian Russia. Prayer changes things—including hearts. I will mention some very urgent prayer requests.

Pray for our coworker, Sister Helen Ermolinska, who had an accident in which her hip bone was broken. She is now in the hospital, suffering intense pain.

Continue to pray for the backsliders. There are a number who are professed Christians, but are not born again.

Pray for our young people, that the Holy Spirit may do a definite work of grace in their hearts.

Pray for the Wednesday prayer meetings. Pray for all the gospel meetings and for the work in general. Ask God's blessing upon the spiritual literature which we are distributing.

Pray for a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the work in Carpathian Russia. Pray that God may send His own chosen workers to this field.

Pray for the little orphanage in charge of Miss M. Selody. Ask God to supply every need and to solve the many problems involved.

Pray for our young converts, that they may grow in grace (II Peter 3: 18).

Pray for the Jews in Carpathian Russia, and for the Jewish family with whom I am rooming, that they may be saved.

Pray for the young German woman and her Russian husband, to whom I gave New Testaments and literature (John 16: 8-11).

Pray for the poor and needy Christians, that their needs may be supplied.

Pray for the Christian sister who has been sick for several years with some kind of disease in her legs so that she is not able to walk well. She is compelled to be in bed most of the time. Pray that she may be healed, to the glory of God.

Please continue to pray for the work in Stara Wies, Poland, and for my three unsaved brothers.

Pray for us, that the Holy Spirit may fully possess us and fill us with His power for service and for the salvation of many precious souls.

Continue to pray for a mighty revival in Carpathian Russia and the world over (Matt. 18 :19; II Cor. 1 : 20).

Passion For Souls

The sobbing of a thousand million of poor heathen sounds in my ear, and moves my heart; and I try to measure, as God helps me, something of the blank misery, something of their despair. Oh, think of these needs! I say again, they are ocean-depths; and, beloved, in my Master's name, I want you to think earnestly about them, I want you to look at them, until they appall you, until you cannot sleep, until you cannot criticise.—*Charles Inwood.*

Active Gospel Work

By Miss E. H. Steyrer (Austria)

GREETINGS to all who read the Harvest Field, especially to all those who know me personally and who had a share in my going out. To them I would say: "Give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: because His mercy endureth forever" (Psa. 118 :1). This I can truly say from the heart. The Lord is good! He is leading, guiding, and supporting me from day to day, praise His holy Name!

As you may know, I am back in Pastor Monsky's work. It is the same work with which I was connected before I came to America, and it is still preaching the gospel of Christ, in spite of persecution and criticism. The time seems past, however, for large evangelistic meetings, and the work we have to do now is to go after the people, visiting them in their homes, where we tell them of our Lord and invite them to come to Bible study and to worship with us on Sundays. This most important part of the work had to be neglected for some time, owing to lack of sufficient workers. Now that I am back, it has been entrusted to me.

I wish you could come with me some day, especially when I visit one of the huge city buildings which houses hundreds of families. There is always a large court or garden in the center, from which thirty to forty stairways lead up to the third, fourth, or fifth floors. There are no elevators, so I sometimes climb 1800 to 2000 steps in one day. These large buildings are quite new to me, as they were erected under the socialistic government while I was in America and are mostly inhabited by socialists and communists. At first it was almost impossible for a Christian worker to get into one of these places, because the whole atmosphere was so "red." It is not very much better now, only they are not so free to show it. A deaconess told me that one day when she went to see a family, as she entered the court a little boy of about ten years noticed her garb. He thrust both fists into his sides and called out to one of his comrades: "Just look at her! She isn't even afraid to come in here!"

Most of these people had left the churches and were atheists. When the government changed and a law was passed that everyone who wanted to send his children to school must belong to some church, they had to come back. Thousands joined the evangelical church rather than go back to the Catholic church. Many came only for political reasons, however, and now they never come to church, so I go to visit them, taking them a good tract, a Gospel, and a card of invitation to the Bible classes. This gives me an introduction to their homes, and in many cases I can tell them of my Lord and His love for them. Some won't listen, others are hard and bitter because of their great poverty, while others, chiefly young boys who have learned the 'stuff' by heart, tell me that the churches ought to be torn down or used for dwelling houses for the poor, and the 'gold' used for procuring food. When I told one he would have to look a long time before he could find any gold in an Austrian evangelical church, he insisted that the benches should be sold for kindling wood and the money given to the working people or used to build factories. They would like to see pastors, priests, and Christians driven away. But of this class I find few. Most of the people are ready to listen, although only a few invite me in. Some are truly glad to see the interest we take in their souls, and are ready and willing to listen and hear more of the Word of God.

The Catholic church is putting on high pressure. They can do it because they never lack funds. Wherever a few new houses spring up, they build a chapel right next to them, while the evangelical work is suffering everywhere on account of lack of meeting places. The Volks Mission of the Evangelical Society of Austria (Pastor Monsky's work) cannot expand because there is no room. The Lord has provided new meeting halls in two outposts, but at Vienna the room is almost ridiculously small for that large city. On Sundays and at the Wednesday Bible class, the room is filled to capacity, and people often tell me they don't want to come because there is no room for them and the air is so bad on account of poor ventilation. There is no room for the Sunday school or the children's service or

any other work—a small, dark kitchen has to serve for the Sunday school room.

We are praying earnestly, and I would ask American Christians to pray with us, that the Lord may provide a larger hall, with side rooms for Sunday school work, which is so very important. It seems sad and unbelievable that the little ones should not hear the gospel, and that souls should be lost just because there is no room to take them in and tell them of our Lord. Street meetings are forbidden in Austria, and we are not even permitted to give out tracts or invitations in the streets.

Persecution is strong all around. Some unconverted Protestant pastors are slandering our work, calling it sectarian, while a bishop of the Catholic church said not long ago: "The full power and glory of the Catholic church will only come back again when we bring back the 'stake'." The communists, too, are preparing and awaiting the moment when they can break loose and destroy everything. In spite of all, however, we have God's promises, such as Luke 12 :32.

Christian works are suffering severely under the conditions prevailing in Europe. Pastor Monsky's work, for example, received most of its support from Germany. The support that comes from Austria does not amount to anything. The country is too poverty-stricken to give any real help. Protestant churches have to struggle to keep up, and mission work has to be supported from the outside. Just now we are passing through a time of crisis. There are gifts from friends of our work at a bank in Germany, but the money cannot be sent across the border. Ten marks is all that can be brought over, so you see this income is cut off, suddenly and completely. Switzerland, which stood next in help, cannot do as much as it has been doing all through the years, because conditions have greatly changed there, too. Now, when the franc has been devaluated, people are afraid. Besides this, we receive 50 schillings less for every 100 francs than we got before, and that means much. So, at the present time, our bank is completely empty and there is nothing to pay for halls and to provide for the missionaries and their families. But we know that God is over all, and as he has carried this work through during the last twenty-five years He will not let it fall now just for the lack of funds. He holds the riches of the world in His hands and it is a small matter for Him to send all that is needed. Only, the time seems so very short! Conditions similar to those in Spain may overtake us at any moment and cut off all gospel work. Therefore, we must work while it is day.

We want American Christians to know about our problems, so that they may be able to pray earnestly and definitely and thus have a share in our much-needed work in Austria. Please pray that the Lord may provide in the future as He has done in the past; that He may touch the hearts of His stewards everywhere; that He may open His hand and fill our hands. Pray for a large hall, and for some side rooms for the children and young people, but, first of all, pray for the Holy Spirit to descend upon all of us, to take hold of the whole work and everyone who labors under it, and to so send a true Holy Ghost revival among the Christians here that the unconverted will be drawn and brought to the Lord. If you will do this, we can already praise Him for the answer to our prayer, for He said, "Whatsoever ye shall ask in my Name, *that will I do*" (John 14 :13).

MISSIONARIES ARRIVE SAFELY

By Rev. P. B. Kennedy

(Albania)

MR. AND MRS. JACQUES and Mr. and Mrs. Konrad reached us last evening just before prayer meeting. We made up an autobus of friends, who went out to meet them on their way into the city, singing hymns of praise and prayer. A goodly number were at prayer meeting, after which we had a roast duck dinner and private prayers of thanksgiving together. We are claiming the promises and asking for more faith to face our problems.

Mrs. Kennedy and I are retiring and have partly moved up here to the hill, from which place I am writing. We will keep busy, as the Holy Spirit guides our young colleagues in suggesting any service they think we can render. For the present I will continue to preach, at Mr. Jacques' request, until he gets settled. Their boxes arrived today and they are busy adjusting themselves.

We are very happy and hopeful. Each Sabbath afternoon I am preaching in some village.

The gentleness of Christ is the comeliest ornament that a Christian can wear.—*William Arnot.*

Amongst The Women

By Mrs. Paulina Nikoff (Bulgaria)

THE church of today must be awake to the importance of the present world events and problems, for the church alone can solve the deepest problems of humanity by lifting up Christ and applying His morals and ideals in life. One of those problems is that of making women realize their high responsibility for the spiritual welfare of mankind. The field of labor which has opened before them is most wide and fruitful. Their influence and their counsels are pervasive and commanding; their spirituality and devotion are of the highest importance in the life of the state, the community, the church, and the family. Therefore, if we can win the women for Christ, it will be far easier to Christianize the rest of mankind. Having in mind this outstanding fact, I have put my whole heart into the work among the women of Bulgaria, and through them I have reached the children, the young people, and the grown folks of our communities.

As president of the Union of Missionary Societies in our church in Bulgaria, I have come in contact with the entire body of women in our evangelical movement. On the 15th of October, our Union had its annual meeting in Plovdiv, where at the same time three different conferences were held. The first one was the Young People's Convention, the second was our church conference, and the third was the conference of the United Protestant Churches of Bulgaria. Men and women from all parts of the country came as delegates to these important Christian gatherings. Our missionary society in Plovdiv gave a most hearty welcome and extended warm hospitality to all these people. A spirit of Christian unity made our hearts very happy.

Our women's missionary meeting was powerful. Thirteen societies sent their delegates. The president of each society sends me a yearly report, full of blessed Christian activities, and it is from these reports that I prepare my annual report for the entire union. This report was read before our little convention. For years we have cherished the desire to be able to support missionaries or Bible workers, but we have not been able to reach so high, because our societies are small and very poor. We have striven, however, to have every member of our society a missionary herself in her own home, church, and community, and a wonderful piece of sacrificial work has been done by these little societies, not only in the church but also outside of it. For instance, one society paid the traveling expenses to Austria of a young gypsy man who went to study for the ministry; another society cared for the living expenses of a blind woman, and has also opened a Sunday school for children in a poor section; another has sent money to help in the support of a Bible woman; while all the societies have not only helped their churches financially, but have faithfully worked for the Lord in their own churches by holding various meetings, etc. It is a fact that where the missionary society is active, there the church is alive. All these societies have tried to press home the wonderful charm of the gospel, thus fulfilling their mission.

The second group with whom I have worked is the women of the capital city, Sofia, organized not only into a missionary society but also into a Women's Christian Temperance society. This group gives me a chance not only to be in touch with our Protestant women but also the Greek Orthodox. Recently the "Week of Grapes" was celebrated in Bulgaria. Our fruitful soil generously blesses us with a beautiful and plenteous harvest of all kinds of fruits, especially delicious grapes. During that week our society arranged five meetings in our city. In one of them I spoke about the great value of this fruit as food for man, and how our people, instead of using it as such, prepare all kinds of wine, which not only poison our bodies but destroy our families and lower our community life. The Christian idea of temperance was stressed very strongly, and as a result seven women signed our pledge and became members of our society. Through Christian temperance work, I have entered into the homes of many lukewarm Christians or those who made no profession and, little by little, by God's strength, they are changing their whole outlook on life.

The third group consists of those women who live in the different outskirts of our great city. The meetings here are purely religious ones and deeply spiritual. They are held mostly in Orthodox families, thus being a bit of pioneer work. The women are very poor, often being illiterate and fanatically attached to their Orthodox faith and many superstitions. Thank God, many of them are realizing that their faith needs purifying and enlightenment by a knowledge of the Bible, and that in Christ alone they can find strength and help to live a victorious Christian life. Last week one of the women said to me: "Oh, Mrs. Nikoff, allow me to tell you that your splendid gospel messages give me peace. I am going to follow you wherever you go and whatever you do, for without this Bible truth I simply cannot live. I am a big sinner, and only your almighty Saviour can forgive and save me."

There were four women who were faithful visitors at all my meetings, but they were illiterate. They had a great desire to read the Bible. One day I invited them to my home and told them I would teach them how to read and write. During the two summer months they came to my home three times a week and I gave them lessons. By the end of the month of August they were able to read and write. My students were not young—their ages were 70, 65, 58, and 44—and it was very hard indeed for them to study, but they worked hard, and now they are so happy that words cannot express their joy and gratitude to me. They rejoice in being able to read the Word of God and sing our beautiful Christian hymns. I am so thankful to God that He gave me the patience to work with them until these wonderful results were attained. In these meetings the women are on fire for Christ. Pray that God may bless me mightily so that new souls may be won for His glory during this coming year.

REAPING IN JOY

By Lukas Badziak

(Roumania)

"GRACE be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ." I thank God that by His grace I am still able to serve Him. I preach the good news of the gospel wherever possible, in three different languages, and I have abounding joy when I see, here and there, a soul awakened through the preached Word.

Lukas Badziak and Family

The devil has disturbed a great deal, but victory is of the Lord, praise God! The Lord has been pleased to cleanse our Assembly, and now we have peace and joy in the Lord.

I wish to thank all who have had a part in the love gifts sent to me. How great is His care of His own! His reward is sure (Rev. 22: 12). Greetings in the Lord.

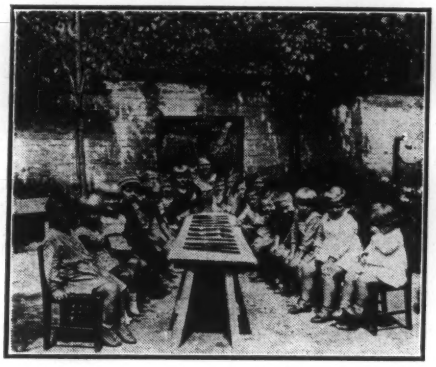
The more wicked men grow, the less ashamed they are of themselves; and the more holy men grow, the more they abhor themselves.—*Berridge.*

When you are praying, let there be intervals of silence, reverent stillness of soul, in which you yield yourself to God, in case He may have aught He wishes to teach you or to work in you. Waiting on Him will become the most blessed part of prayer, and the blessing thus obtained will be doubly precious as the fruit of such fellowship with the Holy One.—*Dr. Andrew Murray.*

With The Children

By Mrs. Charles Lukesh (Czechoslovakia)

DAILY Vacation Bible School is an unknown thing here in this country, outside of our sphere. Not only among the pupils of the public school does the tendency exist—"We want our vacation"—but even old evangelical church members think it preposterous to do anything during the summer. One old evangelical man told Mr. Lukesh: "Our pastor would not thus impose upon us. He is glad if we come once in six months." Another evangelical was surprised to be invited during the summer, when their pastors have vacation. Mr. Lukesh asked him what would become of his soul if he should be called before God in the summer. Would he tell God that his pastor was on his vacation and he could not attend to his soul's salvation?



Mrs. Lukesh and Younger Children

In the face of such coldness, you can imagine that it is something out of the ordinary to have a real Daily Vacation Bible School, for young and old. Of course, we have to adjust our program to fit the circumstances, for we could not possibly devote more than three mornings a week to that purpose, but we made up for that by lengthening the course to seven weeks.

How much it meant to those who took part can be gathered from the remarks we have heard. Only today one of the regular attendants said that she is still very busy with her housework, having laid aside much of it during the summer in order to be able to attend the Vacation Bible school. She has an unconverted husband and two small children, and she has over a half hour's walk to the mission. Another sister has almost an hour's walk. In addition to the Daily Vacation Bible school, they attended the regular services four times a week, some also attending the four German services weekly. Nor are these people who have leisure time—making hay, for instance, kept them very busy. We pray that this live interest may reach others, also, and that there may be a general revival. Pray with us that God will break the bonds and bands and give us enlargement of the work, so that many more souls might be reached.

We have only two grades in our school, for those who might have taught were loath to lose the opportunity to learn more themselves, which they would have missed as teachers. We trust that by next summer we may have some well grounded ones to help in the teaching, for we see the need of more classes. I had the smaller ones, from eleven years down. They were lively at times, but very interesting, and I had some blessed times with them. When they heard about the Dead Sea, they wanted to know what made it dead and were very much surprised to hear that one could lie on the water and not sink. One said it was too bad that it was not in our country.

We are hearing much about war these days, and are being taught all kinds of rules in preparation for airplane attacks, etc. Little Tabitha, five years old last July, when she heard an airplane overhead said, "The enemy is coming. They build trenches to hide in and shoot at the other people. I wish rather that the Lord Jesus would come." When I asked if she would go with him, she gave a decided "Yes." I asked, "Are your sins all forgiven?" and again the "Yes" was very certain. She has been taught to confess any misdeed to the Lord and also ask forgiveness of those whom she has offended. The unsaved father often teases her and her twin

brother, telling them that they have been naughty and hence cannot go with the Lord Jesus, upon which they staunchly hold their ground that they have asked forgiveness and so have a clean heart.

Little Vlasta, two and a half years old, defended most eagerly her papers from the Sunday school, which she was hoarding in a cupboard at home. When her father wanted to throw them out, she cried, "No, no, no! Those are from Mrs. Lukesh and I must save them!"

Even among the older ones, amusing incidents take place. One, upon hearing of the great salt contents of the Dead Sea, asked whether the salt herring come from there. But there are also splendid evidences of real devotion and sacrifice. One sister takes care of a family of five, besides helping me with the cleaning each week. She did not miss a single session of the Daily Vacation Bible school, knew all her memory work and other lessons, besides taking part in the regular meetings. To make this possible, she got up at 2.00 A. M. to do her family washing, and before coming to the class arranged things at home so that the family dinner would be served at the usual hour. Several devoted an extra hour before the regular session to correcting the handmade book on "Harmony of the Gospels," which they had made last summer.

After the Vacation Bible school closed, we made a long trip into the farther corners of our district. We will write more later about the district work and the tract work. Please keep on praying for helpers and funds to meet the needs, and that God may enlarge our work so that the many souls still in darkness may be reached before it is too late.

ALBANIAN INTEREST

WE RECEIVED the following interesting letter from an Albanian brother in Chicago. The letter speaks for itself.

DEAR BROTHER HOGG:

We have no words to express our gratitude to our Father in heaven for *The American European Fellowship*. Recently we bade farewell to a brother and sister in the Lord, Arthur and Jean Konrad, who accompanied Brother and Sister Jacques, with little Eddie, as missionaries to our native country of Albania.

The joy is overflowing from the depths of our hearts, for I remember, four years ago, lying on my knees and pleading to our Heavenly Father to open a door for spreading the news of the gospel of peace to my fellow-countrymen. Two years later, the Lord gave me a young Albanian soul, who was converted in this city of Chicago. Our blessed Heavenly Father united our hearts together. Brother Lasko loves to read and distribute tracts, and one evening, in the pile of tracts he brought in, there happened to be the following: *From Farm to Mission Field*. We blessed the Name of our God, for in that tract we read the amazing news that our Father in heaven had raised up Brother Edwin E. Jacques to evangelize our country of Albania. We at once started correspondence with them, and our hearts were greatly blessed. This increased our courage, and we testified more boldly to our people. The Lord hears the prayers of the righteous. We pray to our Heavenly Father to be in close fellowship with them, to guide them, and to lead them safely to their destination.

We are two Albanians in this city of Chicago, testifying for Jesus and His finished work on the Cross. Pray for the Albanian work in this great city of ours. We also pray for *The American European Fellowship*, that our Heavenly Father may supply all their needs for this wonderful fellowship, Christian oneness, and evangelization. We herewith enclose $1.00 for subscription to the magazine. We would love to help this missionary work to the utmost, and pray to our Heavenly Father to provide so that we can be partakers.

In His Matchless and Beloved Name,

PAUL V. RADO.

IN TIME OF TROUBLE SAY:

First—He brought me here; it is by His will that I am in this strait place; in that I will rest.

Next—He will keep me in His love, and give me grace in this trial to behave as His child.

Then—He will make the trial a blessing, teaching me the lessons He means me to learn and working in me the grace He intends for me.

Last—In His good time He can bring me out again—how and when, He knows.

Say: I am here—1) By God's appointment; 2) In His keeping; 3) Under His training; 4) For His time.

—*Andrew Murray.*

Entirely Happy In Christ

By Dr. James Ewke (Czechoslovakia)

"HOW unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out!" (Rom. 11:33). His ways and judgments are, indeed, unsearchable. I do not know whether or not the readers of the Harvest Field remember my report in the May 1932 issue of the magazine. At that time I described the visitors to our Bible class in Cernosice. One of them was a student of engineering. His position was a very hard one, as he had been deprived of a scholarship which had been given him by the government and he was without employment. Being in a state of great anxiety, he shared his grief with me and asked me to pray for him. I willingly agreed and we knelt down together and told the Lord about his needs, after which we had a friendly talk. A few days later, he got a job, but then he discontinued visiting us. Sometimes I met him and invited him to our Bible class, but he always politely refused, giving some excuse.

After inviting him several times, I ceased doing it, for it was of no use. But I did not cease to pray for him. At the same time, I learned from mutual acquaintances that he was going deeper and deeper into the wrong kind of life. However, I trusted that the Lord Himself would seek His lost sheep, as it is written: "How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray?" (Matt. 18:12).

More than four years passed with no apparent change. Not long ago, however, I met this man on the street. We greeted one another, and then he began to tell me his troubles. His face was sad. He had lost his job, but, worst of all, he had recently contracted tuberculosis, and he asked me whether I would permit him to come to me for medical consultation. You can imagine how astonished I was to hear him ask whether he might call on me! I willingly agreed. The next day he came to see me and let me examine his lungs, and I gave him medical advice. I did not want to begin at once to speak with him about his attitude toward spiritual things, but, after several calls, his heart was prepared for the holy seed and I commenced to testify to him again of the Lord's love. I believe that the Shepherd will find this lost sheep, who has been wandering "in the mountains" for so long a time. Please pray for this soul.

All praise be unto the Lord, who gives us opportunities for testifying of His great love in every place, in time and out of time! There is in Cernosice (near Prague) a square adjacent to an ancient Catholic church, and in this square people often gather. It often happens that I meet here some of my acquaintances from the Russian and Ukrainian colonies, and sometimes we have an improvised open air meeting. This is, at first, of a medical character, for most of the emigrants are ill, having suffered much from the awful events of the Civil War and years of trouble. You think of a doctor working in his office, but my office, in such cases, is the above-mentioned square. They ask me for medical aid, but, after I have met their needs, I always try to turn their minds to the everlasting themes of the love and help of the Great Physician, Jesus Christ.

Dr. Ewke and Bible Class in Cernosice

In my neighborhood there is a large shop, where I usually buy the necessities of life. The manager of this shop is a young socialist and he loves to converse with me on "high problems." I am always glad to speak with him, for it gives me an opportunity to testify for God, who alone is able to solve all the problems of mankind. Other customers who are standing by usually listen and sometimes take part in the discussion. Thus, the shop of the young socialist becomes a place for a religious meeting.

There is in the Russian colony an aged lady who is highly educated. Her husband, who was a military physician on a vessel of the former Russian fleet, committed suicide. This lady visited our Bible class several times and heard about the consolation there is in Christ. She asked me to supply her with some French Christian literature. Please pray for this soul, also.

I have already written you concerning my Russian acquaintance who is a spiritist. After learning that I am a Christian believer, he called on me several times to persuade me that his way of thinking was the right way. I assured him that I am entirely happy in Christ, who has saved me with His precious Blood. "Are you also happy, and do you have peace in your heart?" I asked him. He could not reply affirmatively. "Well," I said, "if you will accept Christ as your personal Saviour, you will be happy and satisfied." His mother, who is almost eighty years of age, is very near to Christ and has asked me to visit their home as often as possible.

Please pray for the series of lectures which I am about to deliver in several congregations in Prague.

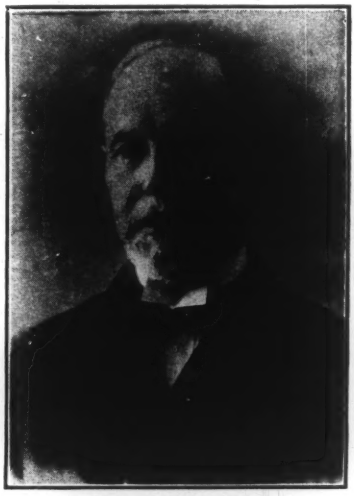
AGED BUT FRUITFUL

By Nikita Mosherenok

(Estonia)

I AM beginning to feel the infirmities of age, but, though my physical strength is decreasing, my knowledge of the Lord is increasing and I have more experience in the Lord's work. Your generous gifts for my material support have been a great encouragement to me and a cause for much thanksgiving.

I try to distribute my time wisely. I look after our Russian Christian flock in Reval, gladly making many visits to private homes. People ask my advice on spiritual problems, as well as in connection with earthly troubles. Then, too, I visit more or less



Nikita Mosherenok

regularly the Russian field in Petchery, Isborsk, on the frontier of Russia, where our faithful brother, Ivan Moriakoff, is working.

In these new times through which we are passing, there are many new ideas, most of which are not from the Lord. I endeavor to hold myself and my people to the pure old gospel way. It is my joyful privilege to administer the Holy Communion in different places. Sometimes I lead funeral services, and I use these opportunities to preach Christ to the crowds who gather on these occasions. I remember you in my prayers to God, with thanksgiving for your generous help.

"The Lord God omnipotent reigneth" (Rev. 19: 6). It is no small blessing in this world of unrest and of sin when this glorious truth takes possession of the heart of the child of God. Let us seek to honour God with an unwavering confidence, and we shall find that of all His blessings, those that result from the things which unbelief most dreads are the choicest and most permanent.

—*Hudson Taylor.*

"I trust His Spirit to keep me faithful to the promise that whatever He calls me to do I will do it. When we need God's power, is just when He comes; but unless we are willing to be put into a place where we need His power, we shall never know what His mighty power is."

Encouraging Signs

By Fred Stettler (Poland)

AGAIN we can say "Ebenezer" (Hitherto hath the Lord helped us)—in spite of upheavals and days that are anything but attractive to the true child of God. The powers of darkness seem to completely engulf this world and generation. The attacks upon the doctrine and church of Jesus Christ are becoming more frequent than ever. Yet, have not the darkest moments of history often been the turning point? Certainly our attitude toward the Christless millions can never be surrender. The Lord of heaven and earth is the same, and His call is the same, and our answer shall be the same: "Here am I; send me." We have the true Light—and never was the light of God more needed than today. We desire with all our hearts to be more faithful in sounding forth His loving kindness and truth.

We might bring to you some disappointing and discouraging news, but there are also great encouragements. Our meetings are being well visited—sometimes the rooms can hardly hold all the people. Then, too, most of our hearers are young people. It is not difficult to get 50 to 100 young people to a meeting on Sunday evening, after two meetings during the day. These are hopeful signs. Our converts are usually from among the young.

Among the Catholics, also, there are signs of awakening here and there. The sowing of the good seed in the past years has not been without definite fruit. Just last week we were so happy to hear that more than 6,000 Catholics had separated themselves from the Roman church and now belong to the Polish National church. They have now found that they must fully turn to the Holy Scriptures and they seem to have gospel light in their aims. Please pray for these shakings in the valley of dry bones. Thus far, the work among the Catholics has been one of the most difficult and unpromising, but we are encouraged to know that there are thousands upon thousands who have been prepared by means of good Christian literature and are ready to leave Rome. Not only in this country, but in France, one of the most Catholic countries of Europe, there is a movement among the Catholics themselves to read the Holy Scriptures. The Roman church has had to give way and has blessed and spread among the Catholics 144,000 copies of Holy Writ. Praise God that the Bible is getting to the people! The Truth will set them free, yea, will make them free indeed. In Poland the Roman church has likewise made a start in publishing a more up-to-date Bible. These are all signs that our efforts have not been in vain. Please pray for the 32,000 Scripture portions that have been spread among the various peoples in the different tongues, 19,000 having been distributed among the Poles alone.

The Scripture Gift Mission and the Trinitarian Bible Society, both of London, England, have recently sent us various Jewish, Polish, Russian, and German Scripture portions, which we are gladly distributing. Here and there, Jewish inquirers have asked for literature and, through a gift, we are just now printing several thousand Jewish tracts. Men who come to the door receive a portion of Scripture, so we have regular readers.

Through the blessing of God and the gifts of some of God's saints, we were able to print 3,000 copies of a little 36-page pamphlet in the Russian tongue. Quite a number of these have been distributed and word has been received telling of their helpfulness. It is a message that clearly presents the way of salvation. We are continually being asked for literature and it has so often hurt us to be compelled to answer them in the negative. Now, for the time being, we are supplied and can fill their requests. As soon as possible, we should like to issue a tract in the Polish tongue, also. Please accept our loving thanks for your mindfulness of the literature fund. These supplies are so *greatly* needed.

As to our family, we praise God that we are all well at present, and trust this will find you likewise. May the Lord bless all who love Him and His work to the extent of sacrifice and prayer!

HELPING THE GIRLS

MRS. STETTLER adds the following word: "The work seems more encouraging. My

Sunday evening Bible hour is pretty well attended, and the Spirit's moving is felt. There is a longing in the hearts of those girls. One of them has been saved. I am praying that this winter God may bring them all through. One of the girls told me that she is not satisfied with her manner of living. She knows that she is lost, and yet the world has a strong pull. She is even afraid to come and hear the Word, but I am praying for her. Will you please have fellowship with us in this way and help us to pray it through."

A GLIMPSE INTO OUR FAMILY CIRCLE

By John Gordiuk

(Poland)

I THANK you from the bottom of my heart for your kind gift for our children, which I received through *The American European Fellowship*. We praise the Lord for His loving care of our little ones. May He reward you abundantly! I will write a few lines concerning the children, with the hope that it may interest you.

Our oldest girl, Lily, is in her seventh year and attends first year elementary school. We have many troubles with her unsociable disposition toward her younger sisters, though she is a very beautiful child.

The middle one, Fania, who is five years old, is a very lean but quick child. She is not very strong, and a few times this year she was seriously ill. Having a good memory, she has memorized about a hundred Bible verses, knows the biography of all the important Bible characters, and all the miracles which our Saviour, the apostles, and the prophets performed. She wants to be like Joseph, being attracted by his "coat of many colors." She is the most obedient of the three.

Our youngest daughter, Dola, three years old, is a stout, bold, quick child. She wants to be like "Papa," with boots, fur coat, and everything else that he wears It is impossible to have anything in the way of clothing for only one—they all want the same dresses, shoes, etc.

Sunday is the most sorrowful day in the week for them. They all want to go to Sunday school, and very often it is impossible to take them, for we live four and a half kilometers from the prayer hall. When we have good weather and a dry road, then we take all three to the meeting, but this does not happen very often. They always want to go, and cry if they are not permitted to do so.

John Gordiuk and Family

They all like to hear Bible stories. With shining eyes, they listen to the same stories over and over. When we have our daily Bible reading, they listen attentively to what is read and ask many questions about that portion, wishing to understand all about it.

Now they send you their greetings and their gratitude. We parents do the same, asking you to pray for them and for us.

The way to make the Christmas in the earth a Christmas in the soul is to receive Jesus Christ by faith as a personal Saviour.—*James M. Gray.*

Theoretically, we know that "He doeth all things well," and that "All things work together for good to them that love God"—but it is a triumph of faith which brings great glory to God, when, in the time of nature's sorrow, the whole soul of the believer rejoicingly accepts the Lord's dealings.

—*Hudson Taylor.*

A Call To Prayer

By John Kovalchuk (Carpathian Russia)

FOR my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isaiah 55 : 8, 9).

No doubt every child of God has experienced at some time or other, in his life of service for the Lord, that after he had chosen what seemed to be the very best plan for the glory of God and the extension of His kingdom, something happened that made him stop and think and almost become discouraged. He had been sincere in trying to work for God's glory, and the plans were no doubt very good, but they were altogether changed and he was perhaps compelled to lie in bed and suffer terrible pain for a long period of time, while he thought constantly of the great amount of work to be done in the Lord's vineyard and the urgent calls for his labor. It is surely impossible for one to understand it without the Lord's help, but when we look up to Him, awaiting His answer and seeking to do His will, He reveals to us His plan in it all. The Psalmist says: "When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me; until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end" (Psa. 73 :16, 17).

It takes considerable time for some of us to become settled in the circumstances and quiet enough for the Lord to be able to speak to us. By His Holy Spirit and through the inspired Word, He convinces, encourages, strengthens, and comforts us. "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." Then, too, He says: "What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter" and "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose."

There are many very instructive examples in the Word of God of His wonderful dealings with His faithful children, as the Lord changed so-called sorrows and misfortunes into great joy and happiness. One thing we must not forget, in whatever adverse circumstances or trials we are placed, and that is, to be faithful to Him and not to murmur. The Lord punished Israel when they murmured on their way from Egypt to the Promised Land, but He blessed those who were faithful to Him in time of trial and hardships. We read how Paul and Silas were arrested, beaten, bound, and thrown into prison, yet they did not murmur, but rather were singing and glorifying God. The Lord heard them and wrought great things in their behalf. He would not have worked thus if these servants of His had been complaining and murmuring against Him. May the Lord help us to be faithful to Him in whatever circumstances or trials we may find ourselves situated!

We wish to ask all our friends to pray with us for our dear coworker, Mrs. Helene Ermolinska, who at present is in the hospital in the city of Berehovo, about a hundred miles away, suffering very greatly. She has been a very energetic woman, though about 65 years old. For five years she labored among the children in the town of Neresnice, helping greatly in the meetings. The Lord richly blessed her ministry. She recently decided to leave all the work in Neresnice in charge of Miss M. Selody, another of our faithful coworkers, and go to another town, Tereshol, about twelve miles from Neresnice. She planned to organize a Sunday school there. There are many children in that place who wish to attend Sunday school, and they were awaiting her coming with great joy.

Mrs. Ermolinska was very busy packing up her things and getting ready to move. The weather was very rainy and the streets and roads were wet and muddy. On her way to Miss Selody's home, she slipped and fell, hurting herself so badly that she was unable to move. She was taken to the hospital and an X-ray examination revealed that her hip bone was broken. She will have to stay in bed two or three months until it is restored. We try to visit her as often as possible. She is suffering pain and feels very lonely, being suddenly cut off from the work which she loved so much. Her friends in Switzerland, who formerly helped

her, are unable to do so now because of the depression, and their help is cut off just at a time when she so greatly needs it. We do what we can to help her, and we would ask our friends to remember this very devoted and faithful worker in your prayers, and also with your means, if the Lord so leads you.

RELIEF WORK AND ITS RESULTS

This touching review of the dispensing of gifts to needy cases from the Fund for the Relief of Jews of Germany, is from the Rev. P. R. Smoljar of the Mildmay Mission to Jews:

FROM the very beginning of the relief work, the German Jewish refugees grasped who it was with whom they had to do. They knew that I was Jewish by birth, a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, and a missionary; and they recognized that the help which I was the means of handing to them was given in the Name of the Lord Jesus. In the case of most of them, the result was a desire to hear more concerning the Lord Jesus. That was at my first visit to Prague in February, but it has become more emphasized since. I am now paying many visits to the houses of German refugees, and nearly all of them ask me to stay with them for a considerable time and to tell them in more detail of the faith of the Messiah and how one can come to Him. Of course I respond to their request, and so there is granted to me a glorious opportunity for witness, and that, indeed, to persons who up to this time have shown no desire for such questions, and perhaps would not have listened if they had been brought up.

There is a merchant, R., who was very indifferent to religious matters. This man has become strongly interested in questions of faith, since our first meeting in February. Now he seeks to use every opportunity to hear more. On April 11th and 19th, I had long conversations with him, telling him fully of the love of God in Christ, and testifying to him that it is the divine will that all men should be saved and have peace. "You are telling me something for which my heart is greatly longing, and after which I am earnestly striving," he said. "I wish I could believe what you tell me. I wish I could go this way of happiness with all sincere believers."

When visiting the family S. from Nuremberg, I had a long conversation and gave testimony, together with the material help. "Please come again very soon," said Mr. S., who was very responsive, "but please do not think I am saying it on account of the money," he added. "No, I am very desirous to hear more of the way of faith which you are proclaiming, and to understand it." When I promised to send them a Bible, they were delighted, and were evidently very grateful for the visit and for the testimony.

I gave a long talk in the home of Mr. S., a former chemist of Berlin, his wife and children being present. After I had answered some of their questions, I took up my theme and gave a long testimony, and brought them the offer of salvation in Christ. "How gladly would I search the subject myself, and how much my heart longs to have a Bible which I can call my own!" said this man, who was formerly rich. "You shall have one today," was my reply, and afterwards I bought him one and despatched it. His thankfulness for the Bible was almost greater than for the material help which I gave him, of which he stood in such need.

Such is the experience every day in almost every house where I am able to give longer or shorter testimony, distributing the New Testament and the leaflet. It is commoner to perceive tears of gratitude at the comforting message of the gospel than at the reception of the gift of money. These poor souls listen to instruction in the way of salvation as if it were a lovely message from heaven, which indeed it is.

Not only in the houses to which I bring help for the refugees have I had these opportunities of testimony, but before the Jewish committee also this has been my privilege, for I have been permitted from time to time to receive refugees there.

The opportunity is even greater in the cafes, to which I invite the very poorest and give them coffee and bread. While they are partaking of this necessary sustenance, I open up to them God's Word and point them to the Lord Jesus. During the last two weeks, for the most part, I have spent the afternoons and evenings in such work. I sit down with two or three refugees at a table, see them supplied with something to eat and drink, and then speak to them of the love of God. A large proportion of the refugees come together in certain cafes they have selected.

I recall one case when I sat with a group of five refugees at a table. The conversation became very

earnest and interesting, and all listened attentively to the message. Gradually all the tables near ours became filled exclusively with refugees, so that there were fifteen or more drinking in every word.

This is the glorious effect of the relief work which has been going on for the last two months. Not only have hundreds been helped in the material sense, but there are hundreds, too, of Jewish refugees from Germany who have listened, and that willingly, to a clear testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ. It would seem that the work here must soon draw to an end, for the emergency character of it will be able soon to be looked upon as being relieved.

—*From "Trusting and Toiling."*

RELIEF OF RUSSIAN CHRISTIANS

UNTIL this year, it has been possible to send money from abroad into Russia without any very great difficulty. The Soviets had for several years a special office called "Torgsin," the purpose of which was to serve those who had money sent to them from foreign countries. "Torgsin" stored food and other commodities, which were sold to those who received foreign relief. It is true that foreign money was exchanged into roubles at a rate very favorable to the Soviets, but the recipients of the money considered the dealings with the "Torgsin" quite profitable, even though a large part of the foreign money was lost.

The American European Fellowship used this method, from time to time, for getting relief to suffering Christians in Soviet Russia. Unfortunately, the Bolsheviks have now closed this establishment and the only way left to get money into Soviet Russia is through the Soviet State Bank, which pays about five roubles for a dollar, while, as a matter of fact, the roubles buy incomparably less on the market than the dollar itself. Under these conditions, it seemed almost useless to send money into Russia, as so much of it is appropriated by the Soviet government.

We are glad to say that now another way has been opened for helping the needy people in Russia. It is possible now to send to Russia parcels of food and other commodities from foreign countries in such a way that the cost of the parcel, including the duty, is paid by the sender, so that there is no expense whatsoever on the part of the recipient. This is not as profitable as sending through "Torgsin," but it is far better than the sending of money.

The Soviet duty on the value of foreign parcels ranges from 40 per cent to 500 per cent. To illustrate, if we would send men's shoes worth $2.00, the duty would be 150 per cent and we would have to pay here $5.00 plus postage. If we would send four yards of woolen cloth for a man's suit worth $5.00, 115 per cent must be paid in duty, that is, $5.75, a total of $10.75 plus postage. It sounds as if the excessive duty makes the sending too costly, but, after all, it is of great benefit to the recipient.

For instance, if we should send a parcel containing 3 yards of woolen goods, 1 pair of ladies' shoes, 1½ pounds of tea, 1 pound of coffee, 1 pound of chocolate, 2 pounds of butter, 1 cake of Palmolive soap and 2 lemons, we would have to pay $20.00 for this parcel. The real value of this parcel, if the things were bought in Russia, would be 591 roubles, which, under the compulsory Soviet exchange, is equivalent to $118.00. Then, if we should send 3 yards of the best English woolen goods, 1 pound of tea, 1 pound of coffee, 1 pound of chocolate, 2 pounds of butter, 2 pounds of dried fruit, 5 pounds of flour, 2 pounds of English soap called "Sunlight," we would have to pay $21.50 for all these, while the real value of the parcel, if the things were bought in Russia, would be 820 roubles, which are equivalent to $164 00, under the compulsory Soviet rate of exchange. The recipients can use any of these parcels for themselves, or exchange them for something else, or get much money for them.

We should be happy to turn gifts of money for relief of Russian Christians into parcels containing the things that are most needed. We are in touch with many of these believers, who are in great need of food and clothing, under the Red régime.

The Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil (II Thess. 3: 3).

Satan may build a hedge about us and fence us in and hinder our movements, but he cannot roof us in and prevent our looking up. Let us wait only upon God, asking Him to bring us to feel safe with Himself, to go in His might, and to trust in Him at all times.—*Hudson Taylor.*

LETTER FROM RUSSIA

THE author of the following letter is a highly educated gentleman of 68 years. He was converted to Christ in 1912. After his conversion, he confessed to the state authorities under whom we was working that he had not been absolutely honest in the work that had been commissioned to him, but promised that now, as a Christian, he would be fair in all his dealings. The result was that he was considered insane and dismissed from his position. They were unable to comprehend such high Christian ideals. This brother has suffered incomparably more under the Bolsheviks, having spent several years in banishment in Siberia, only because of his Christian faith and activity along spiritual lines. He writes from Russia as follows:

"Peace be unto you, dear brethren. I have been silent through compulsion. We have much work now in Russia and much in the way of materials, but it is impossible to earn enough to buy what is necessary. The average citizen of the Soviet republic cannot go abroad, as they are not permitted and most of them are unable to pay the large sum necessary to do so.

"There are evangelical services in Russia, but, while officially free, some of the preachers are pressed by the communists to set forth some of their ideas. To be frank, I must say that many Christians seem to be slipping spiritually and some of those in solitude are almost dying. Personally, I think, when considering the situation here, that we are now passing through the period of the 'opening of the fourth seal.' Nevertheless, there are everywhere most faithful children of God who are ready to make any sacrifice for Christ, and I firmly believe that those who are slipping will be powerfully awakened before so very long. As for myself, there is no real life except that in Christ, and death, if the Lord tarries, will be great gain for me. I have lost all interest in earthly affairs and have sweet fellowship with faithful believers.

"Since *Torgsin* (store where goods were exchanged for foreign money) has been closed, we have found living conditions very hard. Even help from foreign Christians does not relieve us much, because the compulsory exchange makes foreign money cheap. We are so poor here that two pounds of rough rye bread are supposed to nourish a person for three days, with almost nothing else.

"Some time ago I received from Estonia about twenty pounds of food. As I have no friends in Estonia, I do not know from whom it came. It is evident that the Lord has taken care of me through His servants. Praise and thanksgiving be unto Him! May God's grace be with you!"

MINISTERING TO THIRSTY SOULS

A FRIEND of our brother, Alexander Dobrinin, and his magazine, *Vernost* (Faithfulness), a Russian preacher by the name of N. Moroz, of America, recently spent a few months in Poland, being engaged in missionary work. He wrote Mr. Dobrinin as follows:

"As soon as the people in our village learned that I came from America, they began to gather together to see me. I arranged for evangelistic meetings and the house was packed with listeners. They were not all able to find seats, but stood shoulder to shoulder. The same large crowds attended my other evangelistic meetings, in different places. I was driven from place to place by means of horse and wagon. Many souls expressed the desire to surrender their lives to God. Sometimes the people stood outside, as they could not go inside because of the crowd. When we had come to a close of our long meetings, the people urged us to go on with them.

"The people here are indeed spiritually thirsty. They are in great need of Scriptures, hymnals, and Christian magazines, but they are unable to buy anything, as they are very poor. In some places there are only three hymnals to be used by the entire congregation. There is great need of such Christian magazines as *Vernost* (Faithfulness.) It is a great pity that this magazine cannot be circulated here in larger quantities. In a certain village here, there is just one copy of *Vernost*, and the people pass this Irom one to another until it is quite worn out. fn our village here, I should like to have at least thirty copies of *Vernost*. I have noticed particular cases where Christian literature of this kind has more influence on the souls of the people than all our preaching.

"Some time ago, we had an evangelistic meeting which continued from 12.00 o'clock midnight to 5.00 o'clock in the morning. We preached on the Atonement of Christ and His Resurrection. We

have requests from all sides to visit villages and preach Christ. It is not physically possible for us to accept all these invitations. There are places where the gospel has never been preached. Every printed page we give out is eagerly accepted. I handed a booklet to one of my friends and he did not lay it down until he had read it from beginning to end. When he read of the suffering of Christ, he wept. Such are the tender hearts of these Russians, who espond to the Word, which tells of God's love."

NEWS FROM RUSSIA

IT IS not easy to understand some psychological changes which have been definitely taking place for the last year or so in Soviet Russia. There are many foreigners in present-day Russia—business men and those who are trying to teach Russians to completely abandon the old Russian character and learn something from Bolshevism—but these foreigners have only taken the communistic ideas to their own countries and have not been able to remake the souls of Russians, even those of the Bolsheviks who are not real Russians but are endeavoring to be such.

There is a very popular communistic writer named Demian Bedny (Poor), who is one of the worst adversaries of Christianity. Recently he produced a new play entitled "Valiant Knights." The chief point of this play is a crude, blasphemous mockery of the First Baptism of Russia by Prince Vladimir and the early history of Russia. A year was spent in getting the play in readiness to put it before the public. The best of artists were engaged to present it in the Kamerny Theater in Moscow. Of course, the play had been strictly censored and a license had been given for its performance, which was announced in the Soviet papers. After all these costly preparations, the play was suddenly forbidden to be presented to the public. Some high Soviet officials attended its rehearsal, and after it was reported to Stalin the play was barred. The motive for this suspension was given as follows: "It is well known that the baptism of Russia played a great cultural role. It is well known, also, how great a part the Russian clergy of the Greek Orthodox church had in the education of early Russia. It is not permissible to treat superficially the history and the honor of the Russian nation." The atheists and godless in Russia, as well as in other countries, are puzzled in connection with this decision of Stalin. Some of them, by the way, recall that at one time in his youth he was educated in the seminary of the Russian Greek Orthodox church. Stalin is a Georgian and is closely surrounded by those who are not real Russians, yet for some time he has had a marked tendency toward traditional Russian nationalism.

There is another interesting turn in the Soviet policies in respect to religion. The proper names of God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit were printed in the Soviet printing houses with small letters, but now an order has been given that all religious proper names must be printed with capitals. In Russian, the name of Jesus is written "Iisus" (pronounced EE-ee-sus); the Bolsheviks write it a little shorter, namely, "Isus."

"My child," said a dying French saint (quoted by Bishop Handley Moule) to her daughter, "I have loved you for what you are; my Heavenly Father has loved me in spite of what I am."

FROM OUR MAIL BAG

AGAIN I must thank you for THE EUROPEAN HARVEST FIELD, which reaches me regularly. How glad it would make me if I had the means to send you a donation for the work of the Mission, for if ever help was needed it is needed at the present time. My heart aches when I read of the condition in which the people are and how they need to know the Saviour, Jesus Christ. I thank God for what He is doing through *The American European Fellowship*. His blessing surely is upon this work, and my prayer is that He will raise up such as have the means to come to the help of the Lord. I pray daily for all who are connected with the work."

"Every page is challenging. Nothing that I have in the way of reports from Christian workers wrings my heart as these letters and reports in THE EUROPEAN HARVEST FIELD—and I do have a good many. I can only pray that gifts may be multiplied to cover every need."

"We are reading about a half dozen Christian magazines, but it seems we like the HARVEST FIELD best."

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A SAVIOUR, CHRIST THE LORD

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And though it seems very simple to say to men and women, "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved," it means much to say "Lord Jesus;" it means that He shall be Lord in your life. "Lord Jesus," my "Lord Jesus." Have you confessed Him Lord? Have you surrendered? Have you given Him right of way, full sway in your life? Have you crowned Him Lord of all?

—From *The Alliance Weekly.*

They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever (Dan. 12: 3).

"One of the things we need to remember and ask God to do for us is that the Lord Jesus Christ may cleanse our motives by the application to them of His own Word."

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